



# KZV's Summer Reading Program

Summer of 2018



Dear Parents,

Once again, we will be requiring summer reading by our KZV students. By reading during the summer, students will remember and use the skills they have acquired during the school year. In addition, one of the English language arts department's goals is to find ways to instill a love of reading as a lifetime goal for our students. This program will also give students the opportunity to read and share their ideas or projects when they return for the new school year.

Each child will receive the following information and materials for the summer reading program: 1) A required reading list, 2) a recommended reading list, 3) a summary form or project sheet (if any), and 4) a reading log.

Students in grades 1-4 are **required** to read three (3) books, while students in grade 5 are **required** to read two (2) books. Students in grades 6-8 are **required** to read one (1) book. Each student who fulfills this requirement will receive a certificate and a grade for participating in this program. Students who do not complete this requirement can expect to lose points on their first quarter English grade.

Any student from grades 1-2 who reads an additional five (5) books from the recommended list will receive a free dress pass. Students in grades 3-8 who read an additional two (2) books from the recommended list will receive a free dress pass. Parents and students may record the names of the additional books read on the attached reading log. Parents will sign the reading log to verify that their child has read the books.

The reading log and any projects (book reports, summaries, etc.) required by the teacher will be due on Friday, August 24, 2018. Teachers may also give class work or quizzes upon return to school, so students need to be prepared to discuss and respond to questions about their books.

Set the example and show that reading is important by letting your child "catch" you reading a book or magazine over the summer. Take the time to read while your child is reading.

Books are available at your local library or bookstore. Thank you in advance for your cooperation. Have a wonderful summer.



Sincerely,  
The English Language Arts Department

## Summer Reading Program for the Incoming 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Dear parents/guardians and incoming 5<sup>th</sup> grade students,

I am so very excited to have you in my class this upcoming fall! To get you prepared and to give you some summer enjoyment, I have prepared a list of books that you can read for KZV's summer reading program. Please follow the directions below.

Because all students have different interests and reading levels, I have prepared a list of books ranging in difficulty and topics. For 5<sup>th</sup> grade summer reading, there are 2 required reading books for everyone (see Summer Reading List attached). You will need to fill out a questionnaire for each of these books (see attachment).

I have also listed recommended books that I'm sure you will savor! Feel free to read any of these! You will need to read at least 2 recommended books for your free dress pass. The recommended books are optional and not required or part of your grade.

Use this checklist to help keep you organized to ensure you have met your requirements. All items are due within the **first week of school** to receive credit.

- I read *Wonder* and filled out the Questionnaire
- I read either *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* or *Bud, Not Buddy* and filled out the Questionnaire
- (optional) I read recommended reading books (2 will get you a free dress pass)
- I filled out the reading log of all books I read this summer

Happy reading and please have a safe and fun summer! See you in the fall!

## Summer Reading List (5<sup>th</sup> Grade)

**REQUIRED BOOKS:** Read 2 required books, complete a questionnaire for each, and fill out the reading log.

| <u>Title</u>          | <u>Author</u>           |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. <i>Wonder</i>      | R. J. Palacio           |
| 2. Choose either:     |                         |
| <i>The BFG</i>        | Roald Dahl              |
| OR                    | OR                      |
| <i>Bud, Not Buddy</i> | Christopher Paul Curtis |

**(OPTIONAL) RECOMMENDED BOOKS:** Read any books below and fill out the reading log. 2 minimum for free dress.

| <u>Title</u>  | <u>Author</u>           |
|---|-------------------------|
| <i>There's a Boy in the Girl's Bathroom</i>                 | Louis Sachar            |
| <i>The Lemonade War</i>                                     | Jacqueline Davies       |
| <i>15 Minutes</i>   | Steve Young             |
| <i>Chocolate Fever</i>                                      | Robert Kimmel Smith     |
| <i>From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler</i> | E.L. Konigsburg         |
| <i>Mzungu Boy</i>   | Meja Mwangi             |
| <i>River Boy</i>  | Tim Bowler              |
| <i>The Witches</i>  | Roald Dahl              |
| <i>Little House on the Prairie</i>                          | Laura Ingalls Wilder    |
| <i>Sign of the Beaver</i>                                   | Elizabeth George Speare |
| <i>The Borrowers</i>  | Mary Norton             |
| <i>Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh</i>                     | Robert O'Brien          |
| <i>The Moffats</i>  | Eleanor Estes           |
| <i>Great Gilly Hopkins</i>                                  | Katherine Paterson      |
| <i>Charlie and the Chocolate Factory</i>                    | Roald Dahl              |
| <i>Maniac Magee</i>   | Jerry Spinelli          |
| <i>The Wanderer</i>   | Sharon Creech           |
| <i>Extra Credit</i>   | Andrew Clements         |
| <i>The Witch of Blackbird Pond</i>                          | Elizabeth George Speare |
| <i>Shiloh</i>   | Phyllis Reynolds Naylor |
| <i>Abel's Island</i>  | William Steig           |
| <i>Island of the Blue Dolphins</i>                          | Scott O'Dell            |
| <i>The Watsons Go to Birmingham - 1963</i>                  | Christopher Paul Curtis |
| <i>Black Beauty</i>   | Anna Sewell             |
| <i>Hatchet</i>  | Gary Paulsen            |
| <i>The Great Fire</i>                                       | Jim Murphy              |
| <i>A Series of Unfortunate Events (Any volume)</i>          | Lemony Snicket          |

### NOTES:

- For the most part, the books are ordered easy to hard.
- How to choose a book:
  - Read the description of the book, either online or from a library
  - Come see Ms. Hogan's library collection! I may have some, but not all. Feel free to ask me how to check books out for the summer.
  - [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) lets you preview the first couple of pages for some books
  - [www.scholastic.com](http://www.scholastic.com) lets you find the reading level and a brief summary
- Still not sure? Skim a few pages of the book. If you stumble over many of the words, the book may be too hard for you. If you stumble over just a couple, it may be a good fit for you!
- If you want to push yourself and read more, feel free to check this link for additional 5<sup>th</sup> grade novels! <http://hplibrary.org/kids/bibliographies/5th>.

## Questionnaire

**Please complete this form in its entirety after reading each book. Remember that this form is REQUIRED for the “required” reading that you do. Use complete sentences.**

1. In your own words, please write a summary of the book you just read. Include main character/s, setting, plot, etc.

2. Would you change anything about this book? Why or why not?

